

Mental Health Housing *ACTION* Plan



Legislative Intent SB 6793

- Reduce utilization of state hospitals
- Expand recovery oriented community-based care
- Increase housing options for consumers

MHD Contract Deliverables

- Data collection/preliminary report Jan '07
- Draft Housing Action Plan April '07
- Final Report June '07
- Technical assistance Feb – June '07

Sources of Information

Community Forum input

Electronic Survey in 6 RSNs:

- NorthSound
- King
- Pierce
- Timberlands
- Chelan-Douglas
- Spokane

Sources of Information, cont.

- On-site interviews in 6 RSNS
- 3 Statewide Focus Groups
- Review of relevant plans and policies: state and local

Input From November Community Forum

What Supports?

- Peer support / recovery strategies
- Landlord support/education
- Onsite services in community based housing
- Discharge planning: hospitals, jails, prisons
- Housing and service provider collaboration
- More resources for community-based housing
- More employment options

What Barriers?

- Housing Affordability
- Poor coordination of housing and service funders
- Felony convictions
- Release from jail and hospital
- Bad credit histories
- Cultural and language barriers
- Not enough jobs

What Outcomes?

- Tenant, patient and landlord satisfaction
- Length of stay in residence
- Reduction of hospital, jail days
- Reduction in evictions
- Reduction in numbers of homeless mentally ill
- Reduction in wait time for housing
- Increased housing options to fit diverse populations

Preliminary Report Outline

- I. Definition of Housing Action Plan
- II. Data Collection
- III. Key Findings from Washington
 - A. System strengths
 - B. System gaps/weaknesses
 - C. Estimate of housing needs

IV. Relevant Findings from other places

V. Preliminary Recommendations

A. Policies and Contracts

B. Financing

C. Models

D. Partnerships

E. Capacity building / TA

Technical Assistance

Provide Assistance to:

- RSNs
- Local housing and service providers

Goals:

- Develop increased capacity for providing housing for mental health consumers
- Develop additional housing units

Technical Assistance Activities

- February-June 2007
- Web based resources on housing models, financing and housing development
- Individualized assistance for specific organizations and projects
- Workshops and training for groups of RSN staff, and housing and service providers